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Robert C. Downs, et al.

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For: AUTOMATED CENTRIFUGE
AND METHOD OF USING SAME

Art Unit: 1743

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2005. A petition
for a three month extension of time, from November 26, 2005 to and including February 27, 2006
(February 26, 2006 being a Sunday), is enclosed.

A Listing the Claims with current amendments is provided as on page 2 of
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